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that's what is going to happen. Maybe now we're going to get serious, and for you all that means angry, frustrated and put out. For me it means that we're in the home stretch which is where we arrive this time every legislative session, and I behave virtually the same way at this time every session. But I wasn't going to do it tonight until Senator Kristensen laid down the challenge, and you all, I think, behaved in the appropriate way, signalling that you want to stay here tonight, and I want to cooperate. I think, however, it would be a mistake, as I read the mood of my colleagues, and I see our numbers dwindling, to take up a bill that may be serious and not have the opportunity to give it the discussion that it needs. And if that's not going to happen, then I would do what I could to stop it from advancing, which means tomorrow we would take it up and start all over again. There would not be the continuity and many people who are not here to even hear what was stated would start at the beginning anyway. So what do I care? Senator Tyson was telling me how many miles I have to drive to get home and how many feet he has to walk to get home. And when you look at the size of his feet, if I had to step how many steps, I'd have to take more steps than he, and I'd have to take twice as many steps as he has to take. And I have...when he held that big old foot up there, I have to conclude that he's like me. If Senator Tyson and I grew bodies to fit the size of our feet, each of us would be about seven feet two inches tall, maybe an inch or two taller or shorter. But pretty soon, we're going to see those senators who voted to stay here trickling out, going home, throwing in the towel. Well what in the world did you all think was going to happen when you voted to stay here and you only got thirty people or however many? You can't do anything anyway. So really, I'm performing a service for my colleagues. Now let me touch on LB 1073 which I referred to as the Christmas tree bill. That bill stands for a lot of work by a lot of different people. A lot of wishes, hopes and dreams are contained in that bill as it stands now. The amendment that was offered by Senator Dierks and wisely defeated led to some comments being made on the floor that I think should not be allowed to stand without being addressed in one way or the other. And the one thing I want to keep before this Legislature, even if the members tend to ignore it is that you have an Attorney General who exacerbates any bad feelings that might exist between this state and any neighboring state because